

line 16, between "rods" and "has" insert --produces strain--;

line 17, between "areas" and "and" insert a --,--;

line 20, change "in accordance with the preamble of claim" to --having a

shank and an umbrella-like cap which can rotate around the shank and opened up;

line 21, delete "1", change "-A-" to --Patent No.--, and between "from" and "EP" insert --European Patent No.--; and

line 25, change "in" to --with--.

Page 2, between lines 3 and 4, insert

--Summary of the Invention--;

line 4, change "create" to --provide--;

lines 8 and 9, delete in their entirety, and insert

According to the present invention, the umbrella-like cap can be motor driven and includes a membrane of low flexural strength, but with tensile strength. The membrane has a circular base surface which can be erected by means of centrifugal forces resulting from the rotation from a position of rest, where it droops limply around the shank to an opened, essentially horizontal position.

line 12, before "invention" insert --present--;

line 18, change "the characteristics of claim 2 or claim 3" to --fixing the shank at the head of the shank against relative rotation, and the use of an electric motor;

line 22, change "characteristics in accordance with claim 6 are provided" to --energy supply for the motor drive is received in the shank--;

line 26, change "characteristics in accordance with claim 7 can be" to

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Membrane can have a pagoda-shaped cut-out shape, matched to the specific influencing variables;

line 28, delete "in accordance"; and

line 29, change "with the characteristic of claim 8" to --can include ballast which--.

Page 3, line 1, change "The characteristics in accordance with claim 9 are" to

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Providing the membrane with radially and/or annularly arranged cords is;

line 3, change "Embodiments" to --Favorable embodiments--, and delete "the";

line 4, change "characteristics of claims 10 and/or 11" to --a membrane provided with additional masses on the outer circumference of the membrane, such as a cord at the edge, individual weights, doubling of the membrane, or the like--;

line 7, change ", if the characteristics of one or several" to --from a membrane having a flat, pillow-like shape, which may be divided into radially and/or annularly arranged air chambers connected with a blower, or a pneumatic drive, from having the inside of the membrane, which is at rest, charged with compressed air, and from providing the shank with outlet openings in the area of the membrane when at rest--;

line 8, delete in its entirety;

line 9, between "the" and "invention" insert --present--;

line 10, between "the" and "invention" insert --present--;

line 12, delete "Shown are in:";

between lines 12 and 13, insert

--Brief Description of the Drawings--;

line 13, between the "," and "an" insert --illustrate--;

line 17, between the "," and "the" insert --illustrates--;

line 19, between the "," and "a" insert --illustrates--;

line 21, between the "," and "representations" insert --illustrate--;

line 25, between the "," and "a" insert --illustrates--;

line 27, between the "," and "a" insert --illustrates--; and

line 29, between the "," and "still" insert --illustrates--.

Page 4, before line 1, insert

--Description of the Preferred Embodiments--; and

line 22, change "in" to --with--.

Page 6, line 8, delete "said".

Page 7, line 23, delete "said".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-17 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please add the following new claims:

18. An umbrella device, comprising:

a shank;

an umbrella-like cap connected to said shank, said umbrella-like cap comprising a membrane having tensile strength and low flexural strength, and a circular base surface; and